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O Lord, the great and dreadful God, as we have ſinned deeply and offended, guilty of no leſs then open Rebellion, by excluding thee, fleeing from thy preſence, with one voyce (as it were) *We will not have this man to reign over us* (or) *He defers his coming*, as others; Even departed from thy Precepts and Iudgements ſet before us: ſo here proſtrate before the foot-ſtool of thy

Throne, implore nevertheleſs pardon and forgiveneſs.

For this no ſtoln or ſecret tranſgreſsion committed, but with a high hand; and ſo much the rather preſuming on this acceſs, becauſe hitherto the vulgar (the burthen and heat of the day though theirs) thoſe ſheep yet not guilty or acceſſary to this treſpaſs or capital Crime, of depoſing thee, or oppoſing thy return, as manifeſt in hearkning not to the loud voyces of the Prophets accompliſhed thy Meſſengers: But to our Kings, Princes, Heads and Rulers, which appertains, ſo ſtraitly commanded, ſaying, *What I ſay unto you, I ſay unto all*; the Gentiles watchword alſo charged in readineſs to be; and ſigns of the Time they

not diſcerning them, ſuch and ſuch expreſs evident Signs and Tokens, wherefore haſt watch over them, as ſince this a Nation, or under the whole Heaven the like unknown, witneſs ſuch a VVinter flight, and Sabbath journey, &c. thoſe bloody peſtilent Vials, ſo violently poured out (without doubt) not ſince the Flood as in this preſent Century.

Thus neither taking warning (by Foraign Nations) our Neighbors houſes ſet on fire firſt, like his ſetting in the front the handmaids and their children, as it were; that great maſſy Image firſt ſmitten in the feet, like it, before broken in pieces, others before hand for our uſe, as lighted Beacons to awaken us; but ſo lightly weighed, nothing at all accounted, till ſud-

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denly at laſt, like *Sampſons* ſevenfold new Cords and green VVyths, all pluckt aſunder, when linked ſo faſt and knit, *France* with *Great Britain*, *Spain* with *France*, *Germany* with *Spain*; together with theſe late married Iſles or United Kingdoms, now in widows forlorn woful eſtate, or worſe, as divorced; ſometime that as had it been a new world, with ſuch *Creations* flouriſhing, and Titles all new *Names*, even walking like days of old, alſo become as thoſe, when God repented he made *Man*, brought to a like Ebbe or fall, as thoſe inſaciable Gyants, Great *Britains Babel* towering thoughts confounded.

And now behold, O Lord, through a high and heavy hand abaſed and

ſo low brought, humbled to aſhes and ſackcloth, from the higheſt to the loweſt; then tread not on a worm, break not the bruiſed reed, the wounded ſmite them not; but hear us out of the deep, O thou our Anchor, hope and preſent help, ready to be conſumed utterly and ſwallowed up, if thou calm not and aſſwage theſe working tempeſtuous Seas, through unruly raging winds let looſe, wrought and contrived; And ſo with him praying in his poſture, *Elijah*, when as without *Rain* ſo long, forty two Moneths (that prophetical Number inſiſted on ſo much, of Three years and a half) he bowing himſelf double, or kneeling on his head; alſo behold ſuch our eſtate turned up ſide down, ſince

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the year 1642. defer us not these miserable Isles and Kingdoms of ours, whose Store-houses exhausted, like those Rivers dryed up, and like the dead Trees, burnt up our Nation and Habitation.

To conclude (O thou of unspeakable Mercy) cause thy face to shine upon us, for the Lords sake, our alone Savior: let thy voyce be heard, forsake us not, that spakest sometime to the Fish, the Fig-tree, the Deaf, the Dead, and very Devils subjects. And at whose motion the Sun and Moon moved not, heard him; and turnest the hard Rock into standing waters, &c. Also the waters of this City, heal them; say the word and it is done, that henceforth let there be no more DEATH, no more

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Killing and Slaying, I beſeech thee, like unto thoſe unhappy forty two Infants torn by two ſhe-Bears; Stay thy hand, let it not be deferred.

For an Abſolution, or a general Pardon, October 1647.

AND, O Lord of Sabbath, our King, the God of Hoſts, ſitting between *the winged Cherubims*, incloſing thy glorious Throne; that without delay vouchſafeſt to hear this the humble addreſs of thy Handmaid: And the waters healed accordingly of this our Spiritual *Jericho*, the very next Moneth, witneſs *December*, dated the 5. ſent from the other ſide, ſuch a conjuring Letter unto us, for Arms to be laid aſide,

when as about three Moneths after, they waxt at thy consuming presence, like melting wax, the Enemy put to flight, as known to the whole world, he how vanished and gone to his own Nation disguised in that fashion, amazing all that knew him, signed with the years of thy right hand, 1645. complete.

And the Sword of VVar sheathed thus, whereat the VVoods and Fields rejoycing: Nevertheless, Iustice her sword thus drawn, as that *the Epilogue or end worss: hen the beginning*, amended like his taking unto him *Seven Spirits worss then himself, which entred in; he after returned to his house, swept and garnished so within and without*; as without respect of any now King, Princes, Heads

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and Rulers going to wrack; and which misrule and distraction, by the Ecclesiastical or Spiritual calling occasioned as afore instanced in that restles man (*Luke* 11.) things amended so by others come in their room. Then here crooching at thy feet, O Heavenly Bounty, Royal Mercy, greater then *Solomons*, exceeding Fames report, let not the Heathen triumph, suffices we have been and are an open Example, thy Iustice hath not been wanting.

Confessing withal our trespass, justly charged with no petty Treason, even thine own Citizens conspiring against thee, hated of them; O our Savior, acknowledging moreover afflictions, inabling offenders to know themselves, for re-

ſtoring eye-ſight, or to humble us with the onely Spittle and Clay, Oyntment: So, behold us with the eye of Commiſeration forgive our ignorance, who through default of others, thus by their ſubtilty inſnared, have brought upon us theſe Iudgements; as truth Lord, *our houſe behold, left unto us deſolate*, the great Trees felled down for company, as well as coppes wood not ſpared.

And whether this the prophetical and true meaning be not of this place likewiſe (*Mat.* 24.) and fit for any mean capacity or knowledge, the queſtion referred to themſelves, ſpeaking even to theſe worſt of Times, the hour of Darkneſs, *That if the good man of the houſe had known at what hour the Thief would have*

come, had not ſuffered his houſe, &c. Alſo, *Every Kingdom divided againſt it ſelf, is deſolate*: And, *one houſe doth fall upon another*; and other like Oiconomical caveats all in vain: yet as ſome crums begd in others behalf, of compaſsion, ſo for their ſight a drop ſomewhat; Lord, magnified moſt of all in thy Mercy, for *theſe blinde leaders of the blinde*, or *falſe teachers* to convert them, ſeeking baſe and falſe delights, mask'd for true, in ſtead of thy Kingdom ſought; upon whom come well to paſs the true Proverb, *Men ſerving God and the World*; thoſe two, as they ſitting between two ſeats diſmounted, by thoſe gone before them, that took no better heed; with whom, as the Spirit of Propheſie out of requeſt, de-

deſpiſed, likewiſe grown out of faſhion the VVedding garment, better ſeen in eye-ſervice, that thus will not ſee, *Thy Kingdom come upon them*: And ſo, King of Glory, pardon too this ſtoln touch again of thy Sacred Robe, *Of vertue gone from thee.*

Prov. 31. *She openeth her mouth in Wiſdom; and the Doctrine of Mercy is under her tongue.*

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